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Applicant: WINFRIED MAIER  
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Title: SYNCHRONIZING DEVICE FOR A SHIFT TRANSMISSION

REPLY AFTER FINAL


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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 18, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0024], as follows (a marked-up version of amended paragraph [0024] is attached hereto):

 [0024] The nitriding depth of the conical surfaces 11 and 12 is about 200 to 800  $\mu\text{m}$  and the  $\gamma'$ -connecting layer or  $\epsilon$ -connecting layer is approximately 1 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably approximately 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , thick. The  $\gamma'$ -connecting layer is an iron/nitrogen layer with the chemical designation  $\text{Fe}_4\text{N}$ . By contrast, the  $\epsilon$ -

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